

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

CREAMER-McCONIHE HOUSE

11501 PINEY MEETINGHOUSE ROAD, POTOMAC

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-25/20

Approximate Building Date: early 19th century & 1940s

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Potomac

Access: Private

The Creamer-McConihe property contains a small complex of Colonial Revival buildings, the bulk of which were constructed in the 1940s. The complex contains the house, with earlier log sections and attached Cape Cod style garage, stable complex, pool, poolhouse, and tenant house. The Creamer-McConihe House complex is significant primarily for its twentieth century past. It is important historically for its association with F. Moran McConihe who was a civic activist in Potomac in the early-mid 20th century. Architecturally, the complex, including house, garage, and stables characterizes the Colonial Revival remodeling typical of this era when working farms were converted to residential estates. Of secondary significance is log house section which is still readable, though it has lost some integrity.

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. **25-20**

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Creamer-McConihe Farmand/or common Piney Spring Farm

2. Location

street & number 11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Potomac ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marguerite H. McConihestreet & number 11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road telephone no.: (301)299-2926city, town Potomac state and zip code MD 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 9121street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 6city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sitesdate 1976 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ localpository for survey records M-NCPPCcity, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

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Condition
☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one
☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one
☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Creamer-McConihe property contains a small complex of Colonial Revival buildings, the bulk of which were constructed in the 1940s. The complex contains the house, with earlier log sections and attached Cape Cod style garage, stable complex, pool, poolhouse, and tenant house. The main house, located on a knoll above Piney Meetinghouse Road, is surrounded by mature trees and open fields.

House

The core of the main house is a two story log structure which is five bays wide and built in two sections, which were probably constructed in the early 19th century. On the main (south) facade, a one story porch stretches across the middle three bays. This section which appears to retain its original six over six sash windows. This main core is flanked on both gable ends by two story additions extending to the east and west. The west addition consists of an ell to which is attached a three bay, Cape Cod style garage wing which projects south of the plane of the house's front (south) facade. The one and a half story garage is surmounted by two dormers flanking a center cupola.

The main roof ridge of the east wing is perpendicular to the center building core. On its east facade, a three bay wall dormer is flanked by single bay wall dormers. A former porch is enclosed with aluminum siding and a large picture window. The north, gable end of this wing contains a multi-paned projecting bay window with flared roof.

Alterations

The log section was apparently constructed in two sections. The original asymmetrical section was probably the east two bays, which had an entrance in the westernmost bay (now Bay 4 of the present main block), and a two bay, one story porch. The westernmost three bay section with symmetrical facade were probably added built later.

The east and west additions were constructed in the 1940s. Other alterations which probably date from this time include construction of the front porch on the log section, and replacement of a simple brick chimney with the current massive chimney (in the same location). The entire house was covered with aluminum siding c1990.

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Outbuildings

The stable complex, consisting of three gable roof structures connected by hyphens, is covered with clapboard siding and standing seam metal roofs. The entire complex is one story, except for the center gable roof section which is two stories tall. This section was originally a 19th century barn. The rest of the complex was built in the 1940s. The barn section originally had vertical board siding and a wood shingle roof. A metal ventilator was added to the center of the roof ridge.

A three by two bay, one story tenant house (11525 Piney Meetinghouse Road) dates from the mid-20th century. Facing south, the side gabled structure with standing seam metal roof has aluminum siding and stands on a raised block foundation. A one by one bay, one story addition extends to the east. A shed roof chicken coop and trash shed stand nearby.

An inground pool was installed north of the main house in 1952. The present poolhouse is a small gable roofed frame structure covered with aluminum siding with access through a panel door. The original function of this building, which appears to date from the late 19th-early 20th century, is uncertain.

A five bay animal shed stands in the pasture east of the house. The open south facade is supported by simple bracketed posts.

Outbuildings extant in 1939 which no longer stand include a small two story, gable roof barn, chicken house, garage, and unidentified small gable roof building set on stone piers.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates pre-1865 c. 1943 Builder/Architect Unknowncheck: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Creamer-McConihe House complex is significant primarily for its twentieth century past. It is important historically for its association with F. Moran McConihe who was a civic activist in Potomac in the early-mid 20th century. Architecturally, the complex, including house, garage, and stables characterizes the Colonial Revival remodeling typical of this era when working farms were converted to residential estates. Of secondary significance is log house section which is still readable, though it has lost some integrity.

The Creamer-McConihe House is representative of an early 20th century trend in which influential Washington residents moved from the city to country estates in the Potomac area. F. Moran McConihe was vice president of Randall H. Hagner, a Washington based real estate firm still in operation, and was active in the development of the Kalorama subdivision of Washington in the 1920s. McConihe was attracted to the Potomac area as a result of his involvement with the hobby of fox hunting. He helped persuade the Riding and Hunt Club to move from Rock Creek Park to Potomac, and, in the early 1930s, helped organize the Potomac Hunt Club.¹

F. Moran McConihe moved to this farm in 1943, four years after his marriage to Marguerite Colton Hagner, of Washington. The family raised chickens, cattle, and pigs, while McConihe served as commissioner for the Public Buildings Service Department of the General Services Administration.²

A civic activist in Potomac in the 1940s and 1950s, F. Moran McConihe was influential in establishing St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac National Bank, and the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. McConihe was responsible for transferring the name of Piney Meetinghouse Road from its former location (now Travilah Road) to its present location adjacent to his property (formerly New Cut Road),

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after convincing residents that the meetinghouse was located near his house.³

The Creamer-McConihe property was originally accessed by the adjacent Watts Branch, located just north of Gambrills grist and saw mill. By 1879, the farm was made more accessible with construction of New Cut Road, now known as Piney Meetinghouse Road.⁴

By the time Martenet & Bond recorded the house as the residence of John Creamer in 1865, it appears that Creamer was deceased and his wife Eliza was running the farm. Tax assessment records of 1857 show Eliza Creamer owned 26 acres of "Resurvey on Newton" and "Dung Hill," located in the vicinity.⁵ The 1870 census lists Eliza as the head of a household which included 25-year old Reuben Creamer. A year earlier, Reuben and his wife Clara had assumed ownership of the 88-acre property including the subject house.⁶ In 1879, Reuben owned 150 acres in the Offutts Crossroads (now Potomac village) vicinity.⁷ At this time, Eliza was still the head of the household, with Reuben, Clara and Eliza's four grand children all living in the same house.⁸

Another family member, John L. C. Creamer, assumed ownership of the property in 1886 when Reuben sold 24 7/8 acres to him for \$150.⁹ An 1885 photo reportedly shows John Creamer, Jr., a boy of about 15, standing in front of the log house.¹⁰

The property remained in the Creamer family until 1941 when it was purchased by F. Moran and Marguerite H. McConihe. Mrs. McConihe retains ownership of the property after the death of her husband in 1989.¹¹

The farm is included as part of a preliminary plan for subdivision, known as Piney Spring Farm, recently approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. The plan, which remains valid until June 12, 1997, abandons the present access off Piney Meetinghouse Road in favor of a new north-south driveway extending from a proposed public road (an extension of Deercrest Lane) to be constructed south of the subject buildings. Under this plan, a 3.1 acre lot would contain the main house, stable, pool, and poolhouse. A separate two acre lot would contain the tenant house and associated buildings. The animal shed, located on another two acre lot, would be demolished.¹²

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29.10 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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514-7600

PS-2746

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Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period - A.D. 1930-Present
- c. Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture
- d. Resource Type:
Category: Buildings
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function: Farmhouse/Outbuildings
Use: Residential

Chain of Title

1869 Reuben C and Clara V Creamer, 88 acres for \$300
(Deed EBP 6:301)

1886 John L C Creamer, part of Reuben Creamer's land,
24 7/8 acres for \$150 (Deed JA 3:106)

1894 map: J. W. Creamer, 24 acres

1927 John T. and Bertha G. Creamer, 24 7/8 acres from
John W. Creamer, widower (Deed EBP 6:301)

1941 F. Moran and Marguerite H. McConihe, 29.10 acres
(Deed 859:344)

Endnotes

¹ Unless otherwise noted, the information on F. Moran McConihe is from the obituary by Lutie Semmes, **Potomac Almanac**, 2/1/89.

² 1958 Official Register of the United States.

³ Ibid. The approximate meetinghouse site was on the west side of present Piney Meetinghouse Road, opposite the Creamer-McConihe House. Source: map of historic resources of Glen, Maryland produced by Potomac Glen Association, no date. (Historic Resource File #25-20, M-NCPFC)

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⁴ Hopkins 1879 Atlas shows "New Cut Road" as a dotted line, apparently identifying it as a newly constructed road. The road does not appear on the 1865 Martenet & Bond map. For related site, see Susan Creamer House #25/21.

⁵Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records 1857 and 1859. A description of the 536-acre Dung Hill land patent is found in Boyd's **History of Montgomery County** (1879), pp.33-34.

⁶Deed 6/301, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁷G. M. Hopkins, **Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington Including the County of Montgomery, Maryland** (Phila, 1879). List of patrons, p.13.

⁸Montgomery County Census Records, 1880.

⁹Deed JA 3/106, Montgomery County Land Records.

¹⁰Photo owned by Margo McConihe, according to conversation with her by Michael Dwyer, 3/13/1975. MD Historical Trust form completed by Michael Dwyer, 3/1/31/1975.

¹¹Deeds 418/308, 859/344; Montgomery County Land Records.

¹² Preliminary Plan, Subdivision File 1-93043, M-NCPPC.



Creamer-McConihe Farm (Piney Spring), 1939 view.
Taken from Southeast. Log house (left background),
and barn (right) still standing.
Source: Marguerite McConihe, private collection.

Creamer-McConihe Farm (Piney Spring), 1939 view
South facade of log house: original section (right)
and later addition (left).
Source: Marguerite McConihe, private collection.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M: 25/20
PROPERTY NAME: John Creamer House
TOWN: Potomac
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
QUADRANGLE: Rockville, MD-VA



John Creamer House

H. 25/20

11501 Pinen Meetinghouse Rd

Barnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

South (Main)



John Creamer House

11/25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

South (Main)



John Creamer House

25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L. Snyderman

11/93

South (Main)



JOHN CREAMER HOUSE

11/25/20

11501 PINEY MEETING HOUSE RD

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

SOUTH (MAIN)

(EAST END)

9100-2



John Creamer House

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11501 Piney Meetinghouse Rock

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Rear)



John Creamer House

MS 25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Rear) (Main Block)



John Creamer House

11/25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

EAST (RIGHT)

SOUTH (LEFT)



John Creamer House

M 25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Rear) (East End)

+ East (left)



John Creamer House

11/25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L. Snyderman

11/93

West

9100-7



JOHN CREAMER HOUSE

11/25/20

11501 PINEY MEETING HOUSE RD

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

SOUTH (MAIN) (ATTACHED GARAGE - WEST END)

9100-3



John Creamer House (outbuildings - Stables)

25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L. Snyderman

11/93

North

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John Creamer House

M. 25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

Garden/Pool House

West



Sohn Creamer House (Tenant House)

25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

South



John Creamer House (Outbuildings - Chicken
shed / Trash shed) (Behind
Tenant House)
25/20
11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

South



John Creamer House (Outbuilding - Behind Tenant
House)

25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

South



John Creamer House (Outbuilding-shed)

M 25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L Snyderman

11/93

In field east of house

South



John Creamer House

" 25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road

L. Snyderman

" 11/93

View from house (south)



John Creamer House

11/25/20

11501 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

L. Snyderman

11/93

View from entrance to driveway to house
West + South (right)

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Magi No. 1606785604

DOE yes no

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<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> religious
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street & number folio 344

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal X state X county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House not seen at time of survey. However, the present owners bought a remodeled farmhouse here over 30 years ago. This house has at its core a simple, squared log cabin. The owners have a photo, dated 1885, that shows the log house as it was originally.

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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

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and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Creamer farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The early part of the house, a very simple, squared log structure, was built by John Creamer about 1870. John Creamer owned a large farm on both sides of Piney Meetinghouse Rd. (which appears on the 1865 map). However, his house across the road burned down years ago. The existence of a 1885 photograph (the property of the present owners, the McConihes) attests to the fact that the house was still at that time only a simple log dwelling. The photograph shows John Creamer, Jr., then 15 years of age, standing in front of the log house.¹ The house originally sat on 88 acres of land purchased by Reuben C. Creamer from John B. Turton in 1869 for \$300.² The house and 44 acres were deeded to John L.C. Creamer in 1886.³ The Creamer family later built a large frame addition onto the house.

John L.C. Creamer owned the house until 1889 when he and his wife, Nancy, conveyed it and 24 7/8 acres to John W. Creamer.⁴ In 1927, John W. conveyed the house to John T. Creamer and his wife, Bertha.⁵ John and Bertha owned the house until 1941 when it was sold to the present owners, the McConihes.⁶

¹Conversation between Margo McConihe and Micheal Dwyer, Park Historian, 3/13/75.

²Deed EBP 6/301, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Deed JA 3/106, " "

⁴Deed JA 15/449, " "

⁵Deed 418/308, " "

⁶Deed 859/344, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:25-20

Mont. Co. Land Records
Conversation with Mrs. McConihe

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm.date 10/82

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town RockvilleMD 8 STATE HWY Maryland
state

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: John Creamer House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: F. Moran McConike				
STREET AND NUMBER: 11501 Piney Meetinghouse Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House not seen at time of survey. However, the present owners bought a remodeled farmhouse here over 30 years ago. This house has at its core a simple, squared log cabin. The owners have a photo, dated 1885, that shows the log house as it was originally.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like most older houses in the area, this one has been remodeled. However, the original log house is incorporated within the present structure. Mr. McConike thinks the log house was built ca. 1870 for John Creamer. They have a photo, dated 1885, showing the house, with John Creamer, Jr. (then a boy of about 15), standing in front of it. She says that John Creamer, Sr. owned a large farm on both sides of Piney Meetinghouse Rd. His main house was across from the McConikes, and burned years ago. The map of 1894 shows J.C.L. Creamer living there, on a 96 acre farm. J.W. Creamer lived on a 24 acre place, where the McConikes are now. Before that time, the 1878 map shows John Creamer on this side of the "New Cut Road" (Piney Meetinghouse.) A dwelling occupied by John Creamer here also appears on the 1865 map.

Just north of here is the Susan Creamer House, that also appears on all these maps. (See form #25-21.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Conversation with Mrs. F. Moran (Margo) McConike (3/13/75).
- 2) HISTORY OF POTOMAC, by the Potomac Almanac (1970).
- 3) Martenet & Bond Map (1865) & Hopkins' Maps of 1878 & 1894.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/13/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____